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Title

Washing machine capable of measuring surface properties of liquids, and process ~~detecting such~~
 surface properties

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LIQUIDS, AND PROCESS FOR DETECTING SUCH SURFACE PROPERTIES
Serial No.: 10/595,382
Filed: April 13, 2006
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-Washing Machine Capable of Measuring Surface Properties of Liquids, and Process for Detecting Such Surface Properties-

This is the correct title as shown on the specification submitted with this application. A marked up copy of the filing receipt is enclosed for your reference.

If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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